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1. DELEGATION TO SUBJECT MEETING MAY DRAW ON BACKGROUND MATERIAL HAND CARRIED MRS. EARLY.

2. THE POLICY POSITION WE PLAN TO TAKE IS THAT CURRENT SITUATION IN U.S. IS NOT THE RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN IMPORTS. HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROBLEM WILL NOT BE IMMEDIATELY SOLVED AND THAT THE SITUATION IS WORLD-WIDE.

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT COOPERATIVE EFFORT IS THE BEST APPROACH

FOR SOLVING EMERGING WORLD LIVESTOCK AND MEAT PROBLEMS AND
THAT WE MUST AVOID, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, CONTINUED UNILATERAL
EFFORTS BY IMPORTING COUNTRIES TO USE RESTRICTIVE TRADE
MEASURES TO ADJUST TO PRESENT PROBLEMS. U.S. AGRICULTURE
DEPENDS HEAVILY ON EXPORTS OF FARM PRODUCTS.

4. CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. POSITION IN FAVOR OF FREE TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, WE HOPE TO AVOID IMPOSING BEEF IMPORT RESTRAINTS IN THE U.S. WE SEEK A COOPERATIVE APPROACH BUT WE DO NOT INTEND TO ACCEPT A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF ADJUSTING TO THE WORLD'S BEEF PROBLEM. SISCO

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